

Richmond Dispatch.

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1877.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS PAPERS OF THE CITY.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, falling barometer, stationary or higher temperature, southeast to southwest winds, and clear or partly cloudy weather.

For the South Atlantic States, slowly falling barometer, rising temperature, winds mostly from northeast and southeast, and clear or partly cloudy weather.

For the Gulf States, stationary or falling barometer, steady temperature, southeast to southwest winds, and clear or partly cloudy weather.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, falling barometer, southerly winds, nearly stationary temperature, and clear or partly cloudy weather.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear, mild, and pleasant.

Thermometer yesterday: 6 A. M., 55; 9 A. M., 67; noon, 79; 3 P. M., 83; 6 P. M., 79; midnight, 76.

Presbyterian General Assembly.

SATURDAY.

[Reported for the Dispatch.]

THE following is the text of the resolutions brought in by the Publication Committee and adopted this morning:

1. That the Assembly expresses its sympathy with the committee in the embarrassing circumstances through which it has passed, and approves its action in maintaining the honor and purity of our beloved Church by assuming to pay the liabilities incurred by the late secretary, and commends its fidelity and zeal in obtaining money to pay these liabilities.

2. That the Executive Committee be instructed to carry on the sale as well as the publishing of books by contract if it be found practicable to effect such contract.

3. That the committee be instructed to dispose of the publishing-house as soon as this can be done without unnecessary sacrifice of value, unless means are raised within a reasonable time to liquidate the debt now resting upon it.

4. That the *Earnest Worker* shall hereafter be published monthly, and devoted exclusively to the exposition of Scripture lessons and other subjects of a religious character.

5. That the committee be instructed to publish the *Children's Friend* in connection with the more liberal patronage of our Sabbath schools.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET THE POSTAL COMMISSION, &c.—A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon. Present—Messrs. R. E. Blankenship, John K. Childrey, James H. Capers, Asa Snyder, Thomas Seddon, T. M. Logan, A. L. Ellett, Claiborne Watkins, J. B. Purcell, C. G. Coghill, Secretary.

The President stated that he had called a meeting of the Board to make arrangements to receive Postmaster-General Key and the postal commission, to arrive at 6 P. M. on Friday. He also stated that efforts were being made to induce the commission to establish the mail route to the South via Lynchburg, becoming a part of the South Atlantic route.

He also stated that the Corn Exchange had appointed a committee to proceed to Burkeville to meet the commission, and it would be well for the Chamber of Commerce to appoint a similar committee, in order that the Chamber might confer with the members of the commission on their way to this city.

On motion of Mr. Blankenship, it was ordered that a committee of six be appointed to cooperate with the committees of the Corn and Tobacco Exchanges to make all arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the members of the commission.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Blankenship, Potts, Capers, Logan, Childrey, and Colonel W. H. Palmer.

The committee of the Corn Exchange consists of Messrs. Thomas W. McCane, George S. Palmer, J. B. Bland, and John P. Brant.

The Chair proposed Mr. James T. Gray as a member of the Chamber, and he was duly elected.

Mr. Purcell proposed the name of Mr. J. O. Lane, Stern as a member of the Chamber, and he was elected.

The Chair stated that Mr. Hawes was compelled to be absent from the meeting.

The President laid before the Board a communication from Mr. De Sbourg, French consul, in relation to the establishment of commercial intercourse with Rouen and Marseilles, in France.

He stated that the river Seine, situated on the river Seine, as Richmond on the James, and at about an equal distance from the Atlantic, and in consequence of the works made for the navigability of the river Seine, and now endeavors to compete with other French ports, with a well-founded hope, as the distance from her harbor to the Chesapeake is only a few days' sail.

The Consul also says: Your visitors from the West have expressed their sympathies for the State's welfare, and their readiness to cooperate with the Chamber in the establishment of a line of communication between their country, the ports of Virginia, and European markets. Thus, at the same time, in this capital of the Old Dominion openings have met bearing hopes of a wished-for prosperity.

On motion of Mr. Watkins the communication was read and ordered to be replied to by the president, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The President laid before the Board several documents from the New York Produce Exchange, and a resolution was directed to acknowledge their receipt.

Adjourned.

THE SOUTHERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION.—The Society has received the following contributions:

From Yates Snowden, Esq., of Charleston, S. C.: "Bible View of Slavery," by Rev. M. J. Raphael, M. A. Ph. D., Rabbi of the synagogue, Green street, New York; "The Causes of the Secession of South Carolina, together with the Ordinance of Secession and its Signers; Address of the People of South Carolina to the People of the Slaveholding States, printed by order of the Convention, in 1860; Report of the Rev. James Elliott, November 21, 1860; Report on the Address of a Portion of the Members of the General Assembly of Georgia, 1860; The Battle of Fort Sumter, April 13, 1861; The Correspondence of the Commissioners of South Carolina to the President of the United States, together with the Statement of Messrs. Miles and Keitt; Hon. J. E. Black on Wilson and Stanton, and Thurlow Weed on Early Incidents of the Rebellion; Journal of the Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Confederate States of America, held in Augusta, Ga., November 12-22, 1862; In Memoriam of George Alfred Trevelyan; Ninth Annual Report of the "Home for the Mothers, Widows, and Daughters of the Confederate Soldiers," by Mr. Snow; A warm friend of the Society, and a frequent contributor to its archives.

From Graves Renfro, Esq., of Talladega, Ala.: "The Cradle of the Confederacy; or, The Times of Truitt, Quigley, and Yancy," by Joseph H. Renfro, of Mobile, Ala., 1876. Speech of Hon. William L. Yancy, of Alabama, delivered in the National Democratic Convention, Charleston, April 23, 1860.

From Rev. H. E. Hayden, Brownsville, Pa.: Report of Adjutant-General of Pennsylvania for 1876.

From Ex-Governor John Letcher: Report of General Charles Dimmock, chief of ordnance of Virginia, of February 9, 1863. Governor Letcher is constantly placing the Society under obligations for valuable papers and documents, and promises still others in future.

Major J. M. McCue, of Rockingham: Several newspapers of value.

From Graham Daves, Esq., of Wilmington, N. C.: Roster of the war veterans, persons who were placed under arms at Morris Island.

From Colonel William Allan, of Baltimore (former chief of ordnance Second Corps Army of Northern Virginia): Two papers on the battle of Gettysburg—valuable additions to our series.

From Robert Clarke & Co., Cincinnati: The Washington-Corford Letters concerning Western Lands, arranged and annotated by W. B. Butterfield.

From Mr. J. M. J. Payne, Esq., of Richmond: The loan of files of *Esquerra* sent from the Confederate headquarters on the south side of James river, May, June, August, and September, 1864. Many of these letters are autographs of Generals R. E. Lee, Beauregard, Ransom, Hoke, Heth, Pickett, &c., and are both interesting and valuable.

BADLY INJURED.—Last night about 8 o'clock Mr. Michael Burns drove his horse and buggy across the city railroad at the corner of Main and Nineteenth streets. Making a sudden turn, the buggy was smashed and Mr. Burns thrown out. He received severe injuries about the head and was badly bruised. He was placed in a hack and taken to his residence, at the corner of Mayo and Franklin streets.

A HORSE CASE FOR THE POLICE JUSTICE.—Mr. James Fox, builder, has been reported for obstructing the street with lumber and bricks, and thereby causing the death of a horse belonging to J. C. Dippner. If this charge is sustained Mr. Dippner would bring a suit for damages for the value of the horse against Mr. Fox.

THE BASE-BALL.—The match-game of base-ball between the Atlantics, of Richmond, and Asoria, of Washington, yesterday, resulted in a victory for the Atlantics by a score of 12 to 9.

PERSONAL.—Major John W. Johnston, of Botetourt, and Hon. W. H. Exchange, Appomattox county, are at the city.

SUFFOLK EXCURSIONISTS.—A large party of excursionists from Suffolk will visit the city to-day.

THE EXCURSION PARTY FROM WASHINGTON.—WHAT THEY THOUGHT OF RICHMOND.—The pleasant faces of about twelve hundred Washington ladies and gentlemen were seen upon our streets yesterday. The visitors are an excursion party, that left the national capital yesterday morning in two trains, and who upon arriving at Quantico found it advisable to retrace their cars into three trains. They reached here between 12 and 1 o'clock, and were landed at the west end of Broad street. There they were met by a considerable throng of hacks and omnibuses and brought into the city.

Our people expected to see an excursion party of colored people, and were quite unprepared for the visit of so many of the best people of Washington, though they did their best to make them welcome. Yesterday being a beautiful day, and all the streets being closed, many were enabled to avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing Richmond who could not have done so under less favorable circumstances.

Many of the excursionists visited the Capitol, and the halls of the House and Senate, and the city and State Library, and for inspection. Neither the splendor of the architecture, the sumptuousness of the upholstery, nor the size of the rooms seemed to impress them very much. They were better pleased with the State Library, and spoke with delight of the courtesy shown them by the Librarian, Mr. J. B. Purcell, and the Librarian, Mr. J. B. Purcell, and the Librarian, Mr. J. B. Purcell.

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